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**GET DOWN AND DIRTY
AT CHEATHAM LAKE
ON NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY**

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Cheatham Lake will be hosting the annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on Saturday, September 27, 2008. Some volunteers will plant and mulch native trees/shrubs while others sow a food plot to benefit wildlife during the winter season at the Cheatham Lake/Tennessee State University (TSU) Interpretive Trail.

Local volunteers will get down and dirty for America and devote their day to improving public lands near the TSU Research and Extension Demonstration Farm off River Road on Cheatham Lake as part of the 15th annual NPLD from 9 am to 3 pm. Food will be provided for all volunteers at no charge. Also, for the fifth consecutive year, volunteers who work at a site managed by any of five federal agencies will be rewarded with a free entry day coupon for the next year at any public land site managed by these agencies: Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and USDA Forest Service.

NPLD gives Americans an opportunity to give back to the very lands they use to hike, bike, swim, explore, picnic or just plain relax. Public lands make up over one-third of this great country, and they belong to each of us. There's a special joy in getting our hands dirty when it helps keep our lands beautiful.

For more information or to pre-register, contact the Cheatham Lake Resource Manager's Office at (615) 792-5697 or 254-3734. To view a list of NPLD sites, activities, contacts, and downloadable photos from past events, please visit www.npld.com, or call 1-800-VOL-TEER (800-865-8337).